



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of North Carolina



FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Happy New Year from HQ!! I hope this holiday time will bring some light and joy to brighten everyone's spirits!!

Legion/ALA Visitors As the Covid-19 numbers continue to rise among our members, visits to the Headquarters building are being discouraged. If you are in the area and want to stop by, please call ahead 984-206-4404 or the Legion at 919-832-7506. Masks and social distancing are required at all times.

Membership Applications **FRIENDLY REMINDER** Applications must be signed by a LEGION POST OFFICER. The Post Officer is attesting to the validity of the service persons membership in the Legion and should include the eligible veteran's membership ID. The Auxiliary Unit Officer does not have access to this information. Please see following excerpt from National's "Procedures/Processes/Protocols."

11. The signature of the Post Officer should be on every application of those applying for membership by reason of relationship to an American Legion member or a deceased veteran. If the Post Officer's signature cannot be obtained after a reasonable effort, a letter from the Department Adjutant of the Department in which the service relative has his/her American Legion membership will be accepted in lieu of the Post Officer's statement. A copy of this letter attesting to the relative's American Legion membership must be attached to the application. If the applicant is eligible in her own right, then the Unit Secretary signs and dates the application.

National Renewal Notices going out . . . National will be sending renewal notices to any member not paid since 2019 or 2020. This year they will be going out February 1, 2021.

100th Anniversary Shirts – LAST CALL The Anniversary Committee is extending the order window for the BLUE Commemorative Shirts. They need at least 12 more shirt orders to have enough for the final run. See the order form in this packet. The absolute drop-dead deadline is February 1, 2021. Send the order form and checks made out to ALA to Betsey Lee Hodges, 102 Dogwood Drive, Washington, NC 27889. *At this time there are a limited number of red shirts are still available: 1- 4X M; 1- Small L; and 6- 2X L LAST CALL!!*

Unit Best Practices I get to hear from each of you the many wonderful activities and outreach opportunities your units are doing. I thought this newsletter would be a great forum to share with the rest of the Department some of these creative ideas while we are navigating through these challenging times.

Endorsements **FRIENDLY REMINDER ** If you plan to run for office for 2021-2022 Year, don't forget to update your Endorsement Letters with the correct dates and send them to Headquarters by May 1, 2021.

National Website <https://www.legion-aux.org/> Just because we are distancing, doesn't mean we can't stay connected and involved. The national website has a plethora of learning, programs, and other information.

As always, please don't hesitate to let me know how I can help in any way!!

CHEERS TO 2021!!!